



Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging State Waiver Form Waiver: W-001

By signing the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging's (LGOA's) State Waiver Form, the
Lowcountry Council of Governments AAA/ADRC

Planning and Service Area

has determined that there is a need within its planning and service area to waive an existing LGOA policy and procedure to better serve the needs of its region.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 305(a)(1)(C) authorizes the LGOA to set policies to deliver aging services in South Carolina and states that the LGOA "be primarily responsible for the planning, policy development, administration, coordination, priority setting, and evaluation of all State activities related to the objectives of this Act." The OAA and the South Carolina Code of Laws are the foundation of the aging service delivery system across the State.

In accordance with the OAA, the LGOA has established written policies and procedures to administer aging services and programs in South Carolina. The procedural protocols set by the LGOA to deliver aging services are based on Federal and State Law. However, the LGOA acknowledges that the Planning and Service Area (PSA) could determine that there may be an extenuating circumstance regionally which results in a PSA generating a waiver.

State Waivers, which allow the PSA to operate outside the written policies and procedures of the LGOA, will not be accepted if it is determined that the waiver conflicts with the OAA or South Carolina law. A State Waiver is for up to a one-year period, terminating on June 30th. The LGOA reserves the right to invalidate waivers that amend its policies and procedures at any time.

The PSA and its Executive Director assume all legal responsibility and liability for the procedural and operational practices associated with this waiver, and will be held accountable for any consequences that might result from this waiver being enacted. The multiple parties associated with the State Waiver are required to follow all established LGOA policies and procedures for data collection in order to accurately track and record client data. The PSA will be responsible for fulfilling all other areas of LGOA policies and procedures operations not covered by this waiver.

The LGOA will not reimburse the PSA for unearned funding: Performance outcome requirements set through contractual agreements in the planning and service area are the legal responsibility of the PSA. The PSA is responsible for ensuring that its service providers/contractors earn their funding in accordance to the OAA and LGOA policies and procedures. If it is determined that funding is not being earned, or that data is not being accurately tracked, the PSA will be expected to execute a thorough review of the service provider's/contractor's operations which could result in a thirty (30) day Corrective Action Plan to bring the multiple parties into OAA and LGOA compliance.

PSA Requesting Waiver:	Lowcountry Council of Governments AAA/ADRC
Type of Waiver Requested	Days per week a group dining site operates
Date the Waiver is Requested to cover:	

Is this a waiver consideration on behalf of the PSA or the Provider/Contractor?	On behalf of contractor
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	Senior Services of Beaufort, Jannette Williams, Director

Name of site for waiver consideration if appropriate:	St. Helena Nutrition Site
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	843-525-8427

What type of waiver is being requested? Please specify what action plans and protocol steps the PSA has taken to assist the Service/Provider Contractor to comply with the requirements of the OAA, AoA and LGOA and the duration of the assistance given.
To off set a reduction in local and federal dollars the Contractor feels that moving to a four day group dining program for both sites will allow the agency to continue the providing a group dining program at both sites instead of closing a site.

Please state what specific challenges the PSA and Service Provider/Contractor encountered and why they were unable to successfully perform the requirements of the PSA, AoA, OAA and LGOA which necessitated the need for this waiver.	
Challenges	Reason Unable Perform the Requirement
There is currently not enough funding to operate the St. Helena Site as a 5-day a week site.	Funding

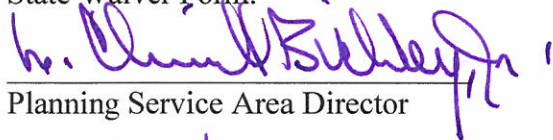
What do you anticipate the positive results or benefits of the waiver will be if granted?
Continuation of a group dining program at this site.
What do you anticipate the negative consequences of not granting the waiver will be?
Financial strain on provider which will force provider to completely close the site in an area where the seniors do support the program.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	The waiver will not lead to improvements but will allow the service to continue to be provided to the senior population of St. Helena Island.
What steps will the PSA take to ensure that the Provider/Contractor adheres to the contracts signed with the PSA to provide services, functions, and activities required for OAA and LGOA funding, in addition to this waiver?	
Monitoring for participation, activities, outreach activities to increase funding.	

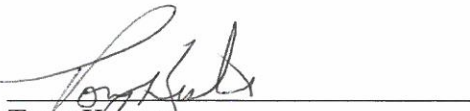
Additional comments or information needed to support waiver request:

Senior Services of Beaufort County (SSBC) is taking a proactive approach to increasing the numbers in this center. Staff, volunteers, and board members are contacting churches, civic groups, veterans groups and neighborhood organizations. We are making presentations to inform the public of the services we provide and how we can meet the needs of their seniors. To date presentations have been made to several churches, the Ministerial Alliance of Beaufort County, and at the Sun City Health Fair, to name a few. These efforts are on-going and will continue through various means including social media.

By signing this document, I certify that the waiver will be implemented as described above in this State Waiver Form.


Planning Service Area Director

9/18/13
Date


Tony Kester
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director

☒ Approved

☐ Not Approved

10-4-13
Date

The waiver form should be sent to: